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SUBJECT: VATICAN FOREIGN MINISTER CASAROLI'S VISIT TO U.S.

1. IN SEPTTEL (ROME 19748) WE PROVIDED THE DEPARTMENT WITH SUGGESTIONS REGARDING A SUITABLE PROGRAM FOR VATICAN FOREIGN MINISTER CASAROLI'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON JANUARY 26-27. IN THIS TELEGRAM WE WISH TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL POINTS REGARDING THE CONTEXT OF HIS PROSPECTIVE VISIT TO THE U.S.

2. IN OUR JUDGMENT , CASAROLI LOOKS AT HIS VISIT TO THE U.S. AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENHANCE HIS OVERALL FOREIGN POLICY IMAGE. AS PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT OF OSTPOLITIK AND HIS MANY VISITS TO EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN SEARCH OF RAPPROCHEMENT AND MODUS VIVENDI, HIS PUBLIC IMAGE IS THAT OF AN EAST EUROPEAN EXPERT. HE WISHES TO CHANGE THIS IMAGE TO CONFORM MORE CLOSELY TO CURRENT REALITY.

3. IN OUR VIEW , THE IMAGE IS INACCURATE. IN ADDITION TO HIS EAST EUROPEAN AND CSCE-RELATED ACTIVITIES, CASAROLI HAS BEEN A PRINCIPAL COLLABORATOR OF POPE PAUL IN SHAPING VATICAN FOREIGN POLICY TOWARD OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, SUCH AS SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
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IN SOUTH AFRICA, AND, MORE RECENTLY, IN RESHAPING THE CONCORDATS WITH PORTUGAL AND SPAIN AND IN THE DRAFT REVISION OF THE ITALIAN CONCORDAT, IMBUING ALL THREE WITH THE POST-VATICAN COUNCIL SPIRIT OF RELIGIOUS TOLERATION. FURTHERMORE, WITH THE DEPARTURE IN MID-1977 OF THE POWERFUL SUBSTITUTE SECRETARY OF STATE, GIOVANNI BENELLI, CASAROLI'S OVERALL ROLE IN

VATICAN DIPLOMACY HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED.GARDNER

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